

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Joseph Taphorn on 04/27/11.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 21, line 3, after the word "separable" the phrase -- along a common horizontal plane -- has been entered.

In claim 38, line 3, after the word "separable" the phrase -- along a common horizontal plane -- has been entered.

Claims 28-37 and 44-51 have been canceled.

2. The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: The applicant will submit replacement drawings that will include Figures 1 to 5. In order to avoid abandonment of the application, applicant must make these above agreed upon drawing changes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bena Miller whose telephone number is 571.272.4427. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dana Ross can be reached on 571-272-4480. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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